

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. J. E. Murrell is in Louisville.

Mr. E. G. Atkins is in Louisville this week.

Miss Pauline Cabell is visiting in Campbellsville.

Jo Russell, Jr., left on a business trip Tuesday morning.

Mr. H. O. Smith, Greensburg, was in Columbia Friday.

Mr. J. C. Bell, of Red Lick, was in town Monday.

Mr. C. L. Faulkner, Toledo, was in Columbia Monday.

Mr. Chas. Cabell, Camp Knox, was in Columbia Saturday.

Mr. John N. Murrell has accepted a position with the Spectator.

Mr. Sam Scott, Campbellsville, was visiting in Columbia last week.

Judge D. T. Towels, of Greensburg, has been very sick for the past week.

Miss Fannie Smythe, who has been confined with typhoid fever, will soon be able to teach.

Mr. T. A. Smith and sister, Miss Elona, of Font Hill, have entered school in this city.

Mr. Chas. M. Murrell left Tuesday morning for Louisville to attend a medical school.

C. G. Jeffries returned from Alabama last week. He sold his mules, making good money.

Mr. Sellie Young, of Burksville, enjoyed the holidays with the young people of Columbia.

Miss Edna Williams, Campbellsville, spent last week with the young society people of Columbia.

Mr. R. W. Miller, Louisville, visited his mother, brother and sister, this place, last week.

Messrs. Leonard Dohoney and Woodruff Flowers called at this office last Friday.

Mr. Liburn Phelps, County Attorney of Russell, was in Columbia, on business last week.

Mr. Alexander Allen, Cumberland county, was with the young people of Columbia last week.

Mrs. A. M. Rowe (nee Miss Hattie Rowe), of Glasgow, is visiting her father's family, near Columbia.

Messrs. J. E. and George Dohoney, who have been out West returned last week. They are sons of Mrs. J. A. Parson.

Messrs. Robt. Walker, Gradyville, and Rollin Browning, Milltown, were with the society goers of this place last week.

Forest Dohoney, who has been working with the Bridge Co., returned home Saturday. He will be at home two weeks.

Miss Julia Eubank, who has been visiting at Liberty returned home last Sunday accompanied by Mr. O. P. Bowman.

Mr. L. O. Stone, of Paris, Ill., who is visiting friends in this section, his old home, will return in two or three weeks.

Miss Mattie Davis, who has been visiting Miss Fannie Stults during the holidays will leave to-morrow for Potter College, Bowling Green.

Miss Sallie Patterson, a popular young lady of Jamestown, spent the holidays in this city, a guest of Miss Fannie Jones.

Mrs. I. S. Curd and little daughter, Jennie, have returned from Campbellsville, where they have been visiting Mr. W. R. Lyon and family.

Mr. R. L. Durham, wife and children, Greensburg, spent the holidays with Mrs. Durham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Willis, this county.

Mr. H. A. Self and family, old residents of Russell county, passed through Columbia last Friday, en route for Eu-faula, Indian Territory, their future home.

Mr. Frank Waggoner returned from Georgia where he had been with a car-load of mules, shipped by Cravens & Waggoner. He sold out making a fair profit.

Mr. M. O. Jackson, of Creelsboro, is the first man to subscribe for the Commoner in this part of the country. Mr. Jackson handed us 75 cents to pay for it last Wednesday.

Mr. R. H. Price, who spent the holidays at Parkville, returned Monday with his wife, who went to her old home two months ago for the purpose of recuperating her health.

Mrs. D. J. Schoelling reached Columbia Monday night. Wednesday morning she, in company with her husband, left for Jamestown, to be at the bedside of Mrs. G. F. Jones, who is dangerously ill.

Rev. E. W. Barnett, formerly the pastor of the Baptist Church, this city, but now having work at Jellico, Tennessee, spent Christmas week with his friends here, and on Sunday preached an interesting sermon to his former congregation.

Guests at the Marcum Hotel since our last issue: L. C. Hart and wife, Rollin Browning, N. Wood, Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, T. E. Paul and wife, Misses Ruth and Letitia Paul, Katie Murrell, Edna Bradshaw, Sallie and Augusta Hoff, W. W. Harnett, Miss Mary Garnett, Sallie Patterson, Charley and Z. T. Campbell, C. L. Smith, T. J. Smith, W. T. O'Brien, J. B. Honaker, Willie Todd, J. E. Allen, J. W. Hart, U. G. McFarland and son, O. E. Harrison, W. H. McCall, F. M. Robertson, Oie McCall, W. P. Dunbar, J. T. and Titus Mercer, Sam Wheat, J. C. G. J. J. Sault, J. P. Todd, L. A. the McFarland and Noble Jeffries.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Date your letter 1901.

Remember to keep your good vows.

Mr. Jno. A. Coffey was in town Tuesday.

Columbia will be one hundred years old in May 1902.

The News bows to the advent of the Twentieth Century.

Uriah Bradshaw, the barn builder, now resides in town.

No unusual casualties in Adair county during the holidays.

Mr. Walker Bryant and family now live in the city of Columbia.

Christmas being over, every body has settled down to business.

Prof. J. W. McGarvey lectured at the Christian church Monday night.

Mrs. Mary T. Harvey will begin her school at Cane Valley Monday, Jan. 7.

The Twice-a-week Courier-Journal and Adair County News, \$1.50 per year.

J. D. Todd sold a mare and horse to Leslie Johnson, last Thursday, for \$150.

Circuit court will commence at Columbia Monday week. Come prepared to please us.

Mrs. R. F. Paull entertained a few special friends last Thursday evening at supper.

All parties indebted to Wm. F. Jeffries & Son are requested to come and settle at once.

R. B. Wilson passed through Columbia last Monday with a drove of 60 geese headed for the market.

We call attention to the advertisement of The Gradyville High School which appears in another column.

The Courier-Journal claims there have been fewer marriages in Kentucky, than killings this Christmas.

Mr. Luther Williams, merchant at Montpelier has notified the Secretary that he will join the Commercial Club.

Mrs. E. G. Atkins spread a delightful luncheon Wednesday evening, a number of young people being present.

Don't forget that The Commercial Club will meet in the office of J. R. Hindman, Monday night January 14th.

Mr. J. W. Bryant, of Santo, was married to Mrs. Margaret Wilson, of near Fonthill, Russell county, a few days ago.

Coffey Bros., this city, sold a pair of fine sorrel geldings, last Thursday, to Jesse Sweeney, of Lancaster, for \$300.

When you visit Louisville, stop at the New Phoenix Hotel. First-class fare and well located, corner of 7th and Market Streets.

James Traylor bought from J. G. Phillips & Co., a farm one mile from Columbia on the Glasgow road for the sum of \$300.00.

All prices on every thing in my store will be reduced; especially on clothing, wraps, jackets and under wear. Come and see.

There are several young men in Adair county who will take Greeley's advice, in the near future, but they may return by and by.

Mr. J. E. Allen, a former citizen of Burksville, has removed to Garrard county, and is located on a farm near Lancaster.

Columbia M. & F. High School will open for the winter term January 1st. Prospects are very flattering for quite a number of new scholars.

Notice.

We desire a prompt settlement with all who owe us notes, or accounts.

Respt, Willis Bros.

Mrs. L. C. Hurt entertained quite a number of her lady friends last Wednesday at dinner. Those who attended spoke of it as a most elegant affair.

All notes and accounts owing me are now due and must be settled at once. If you do not want statement sent you please call once and settle.

W. L. WALKER.

Columbia Chapter, No. 7, Royal Arch Masons, will meet in regular convocation next Monday night. It is hoped that all the Companions will be present.

Mr. A. R. Foley, of Kimble, was in town Monday. He left a dollar for the News, paid for the Courier-Journal and dropped 75 cents in the slot for the Commoner.

Mr. Geo. B. Miller and his mother are thinking of going to house-keeping in Louisville. Mr. Miller is on a trade for a residence and if it is closed the removal will take place.

The Courier-Journal has raised the price of its weekly to \$1.00 per year. By special arrangement The Adair County News and the Courier-Journal will be furnished for \$1.50 per year.

The social given by Miss Sallie Montgomery Wednesday evening drew a large crowd. The music was enchanting, the games entertaining and the pleasant evening's entertainment.

HAPPY HEARTS.

Quite a Number of Marriages Solemnized in Adair County Last Week.

NOT GOOD FOR MANTO LIVE ALONE

ATKINSON-HANCOCK.—Last Wednesday forenoon at the hour of 10 o'clock, Dr. E. B. Atkinson, a well-known physician of this county, was married to Miss Frances Hancock, daughter of Mr. W. E. Hancock, who resides near Cane Valley. Quite a number of friends witnessed the ceremony and partook of a handsome lunch spread by the parents of the bride. After refreshments were served the happy couple left on a tour to several different points, and will be at their home in Cane Valley after January 11 1901.

SCOTT-GARNETT.—At the hour of 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon December 26, 1900, Mr. J. M. Scott, of Paris, Texas, was united in marriage to Miss Ellie Garnett, a highly respected young lady, who resided a few miles South of Columbia—a daughter of Mrs. Victoria Garnett and a niece of Judge Jas. Garnett, this city. Attendants, Mr. M. O. Scott, Edmonton, and Miss Fannie Garnett, Columbia. The rites were solemnized by Rev. E. W. Barnett, of Jellico, Tennessee and was witnessed by a large circle of relatives and friends. Miss Garnett, being a very popular young lady, was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents. It is our understanding that Mr. Scott is a popular and prosperous newspaper man of the city in which he resides. The couple will leave for Texas in about ten days, carrying the best wishes of the people of Adair county.

STRANGE-WHITE.—Last Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the Presbyterian church was crowded to witness the marriage of Mr. J. C. Strange to Miss Lula White. The church was artistically decorated. A streamer made of evergreens confronted the audience lettered "Strange-White." Back of the streamer was a beautiful arch under which the couple stood with the words "I live for thee." Promptly the happy couple with their attendants, Mr. Fred Hancock and Miss Julia Smith, reached the church entrance, and slowly proceeded down the aisles, led by the ushers, Mr. Jo Coffey and Frank Hill, keeping step to a beautiful wedding march rendered by Mrs. Rollin Hurt. Reaching the altar Rev. T. F. Walton in a beautiful and impressive ceremony, pronounced the couple husband and wife. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. White, for relatives and a few intimate friends. The next morning the happy couple left for Burksville where they are spending a few days with the groom's parents, and will be at their home in Columbia some time this week.

As announced in last week's News Mr. W. B. Lyon and Miss Ivy Yates were promptly married at the Baptist church, Bradfordsville on the morning of the 26th. The couple are spending a few days, visiting at various points, and will be at their home in Campbellsville after January 5th. Both groom and bride are popular in Columbia where they are well-known. We trust their days may be long, crowned with success and perpetual happiness.

The young ladies of Columbia desiring to honor their many gentlemanly friends throughout the community, gave a reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hurt last Thursday evening. It is said by those who attended that a more enjoyable affair has not been participated in for years. At an early hour guests began to arrive and by 9:30 the spacious parlors were well filled with the beauty and gallantry of the city. It was a pity and a pleasure for each one present to lend his or her assistance in making the reception the most delightful affair of the winter. The ladies were handsomely attired. Ordinarily they are attractive, but upon this occasion they looked uncommonly beautiful. The young men were in their entertaining moods, being exceedingly loquacious during the evening. At 10:30 supper was announced, and the expressions of praise that are now being given make those who failed to attend wish that they had been present. A more elegant luncheon has not been spread for many days, nor one more highly appreciated. The young gentlemen owe a debt of gratitude to their young lady friends which doubtless will be paid at any early day. There is not a more hospitable married couple in Columbia than Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hurt, and to them the beauty and chivalry of this city return their sincerest thanks.

We often hear men say that they dread Christmas, presumably from the fact that it calls for the shifting of a little cash. Well such demands have rarely ever disturbed us for we pass them without taking thought of the morrow, that is, we move along with the merry procession until the first of January is upon us and then we find oceans of trouble. We had rather have twenty-five Christmas days than to face the music of January the first. This year, even when prosperity is abroad in the land, when the Bank of Confidence is crowded with the deposits of good hopes, we, as usual, find ourselves in the middle of a pile of bills. Well, we meet 'em, there's no way to avoid 'em, you know.

A Hardyville correspondent to the Hart County News says: "Bro. Shelby Rowe preached two able sermons at Gilead last Sunday. Bro. Rowe has made many friends in this community." Rev. Rowe is related to the Rowes of this county and Russell and has preached at Jamestown where he lived for some months.

Born, to the wife of W. O. Pile, on December 25, 1900, a son. The grandfather of the infant, Mr. Oscar Pile, celebrated his 81st birthday the same day.

The Blue Spring Roller Miller, Camp Knox, will be in running order in about ten days. Mr. W. H. McClain, one of the proprietors, called Saturday and left an order for his printing.

The entertainments that were given throughout the county during Christmas week were not reported to this office, but it is our understanding that all the young people living out of town had a merry time.

Mr. J. F. Neat, the wide-awake merchant of Vester was in town Monday and informed us business was good. Mr. Neat has built up a nice trade and he appreciates the patronage of his friends.

It may be that ladies in Columbia entertained during the holidays and mention of the same falls to appear in the News. If such is the case the fault is not with the paper. We endeavored to get them all.

Rev. T. F. Walton, of this city, has been employed to teach courses in English Literature and Dead Languages in the M. & F. High School. Prof. A. H. Ballard, the principal will have full control of the school.

The editor of this paper received a Christmas present—a fountain pen—presented by his employees. It is a token that good will exists, and is highly appreciated, but we still use a pencil.

In all the world, in all ages and under all circumstances no brighter spot may be seen than the countenance of a scrupulously honest person. No greater benefactor can arise and no trait of noble character is so valuable.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of S. G. Stone and Miss Catherine Dixon, on the sixth of this month at Bayard, Mo. Mr. Stone was formerly an Adair county man, his old home being in the neighborhood of Bliss.

We now have club rates with "The Commoner" published by Wm. J. Bryan in Lincoln, Neb. We can furnish it to our subscribers who are not in arrears with us, for only 75 cents per year. The first issue will appear in this month.

Mr. Logan Ham, a United States Soldier, married Miss Stella Campbell, of Creelsboro, last Sunday morning in Jamestown. Mr. Ham is a son of Mr. B. Ham, of Garrard county, and the bride a daughter of Mr. E. Campbell, a Creelsboro merchant.

F. T. Smith, of Louisville, and G. T. Sherrill, of Columbia, are buying dark tobacco and paying the highest market price. The farmers of Adair county will please them greatly by calling at the Marcum House with their samples for inspection.

There are some of our townsmen who firmly believe that the first year of the 20th century has been passed, when it only began the first hour of Tuesday. Every body will now admit that we are in the light of the 20th century and it is our opinion that none of us who have been caviling over this matter will discuss this question in 2009.

Mr. Henry M. Kemp and Mr. R. K. Young have formed a partnership and purchased the stock of groceries formerly owned by Willis Bros. The style of the new firm will be Kemp & Young. They are both popular young men, and it is predicted they will have a fine run of trade. The business will be conducted at the old stand.

Last Sunday the Baptist Sunday school in this town presented its Superintendent, Mr. J. N. Conover, with a beautiful rocking chair, and a vote of thanks for his past services as Superintendent. Mr. Conover has been working in this station for ten years, and it is but a fitting recognition of his valuable services and devotion to this important work.

Weaver, a canine of remarkable intelligence, a specie of the hound breed, the property of the late Chas. H. West, died last Saturday morning, a victim of distemper. He was 16 years old and when in health no dog carried a finer head. In life he was well provided for, and we trust that he is now in dog heaven.

There will be preaching at the following places next Sunday: T. F. Walton, Ebenezer; Z. T. Williams, Cane Valley; W. H. C. Sandidge, Union; C. M. Deener, White Oak; T. Huffaker, Shiloh; W. P. Gordon, this city; W. S. Dudgeon, Plumpoint; T. L. Hulise, Picket's Chapel; W. B. Cave is assisting in a two week's meeting at Liberty.

Since our last issue the following have secured licenses, at Columbia, and will take the bitter and sweets of life together. Mr. E. J. Rafferty to Miss Virgie L. Vance; H. L. Keltner to Miss Ora Nelson; Theodore Haynes to Miss Eliza Acree; Jas. W. Jones to Miss Lizzie Thrasher; L. Porter Jones; to Miss Minnie Leathers; Oscar L. West to Miss Armilda Rich.

Anderson Holiday left for the South, accompanied by Tom Waggoner, last Thursday. They had in charge a car-load of mules which Mr. Holiday purchased a few days ago. He bought 18 extra good four-year-old mules from C. C. Christie at \$117.50 per head. He bought eight from other parties, ranging in price from \$75.00 to \$240.00. He also found two horses at \$75.00 and \$95.00.

Commercial Club.

The Adair County Commercial Club was organized in the court-house last last Friday night. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: L. B. Hurt, President, James T. Page, Vice President, A. H. Ballard, Secretary and T. R. Stults, Treasurer. The executive committee being James Garnett, Jr., J. R. Hindman, James T. Page, Wm. F. Jeffries and C. S. Harris. James Garnett Jr., was selected as Chairman of said Committee and C. S. Harris Secretary. Quite an interest was shown in the organization and its beginning is very encouraging.

Messrs. W. A. Coffey, W. T. McFarland and W. B. Cave, were appointed a committee on membership.

Below we give the laws, as adopted that will govern the club.

1st. This organization shall be known as The Adair County Commercial Club. Its object is to advance the commercial interest of Adair county.

2nd. That it shall have officers as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, elected annually by a majority of the members present.

3rd. That a good and satisfactory bond of \$300.00 be given by said Treasurer for the correct handling of all funds entrusted to his care.

4th. That this Club shall meet in Columbia, Ky., on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights in the months of January, February, March, October, November and December and on the 2nd Monday night in the months of April, May, June, July, August and September, or at any other time when in the judgment of its President, or Vice President, a meeting may be deemed necessary.

5th. There shall be appointed by the President an Executive Committee composed of five members of the Club to serve for one year and said Executive Committee shall have the power, when said club is not in session to manage all the affairs of the Club, provided that all donation of money other than actual expenses, shall be subject to the approval of the Club. Said Committee shall report to the Club at each of its regular meetings.

6th. That the membership fee shall be \$2.00.

7th. That no membership fee shall be required from Ministers of the Gospel.

8th. That 12 members shall constitute a quorum, and that the Club, should it deem it necessary to raise money for the benefit of any enterprise may, by a majority of the members voting therefor, assess each member not to exceed 50 cents, and should any member fail, or refuse to pay said assessment, after 20 days notice, forfeits his rights, privileges and assets as a member of said Club.

9th. That all fees, dues, or assessments, shall be paid to the Secretary and then passed to the Treasurer, he receiving for same.

10th. That at any time it is deemed necessary these by-laws may be amended by a majority of the members present voting in favor thereof, but no amendment shall be submitted to a vote until it has first been submitted to the Executive Committee and approved by a majority of said committee; which approval shall be in writing and signed by the Committee or those approving same.

11. That this Club shall not be dissolved without two-thirds of its members concurring.

The Executive Committee of The Adair County Commercial Club met Monday at 10 a. m., and decided that one of the most important measures to consider is that of improving our public roads.

After considerable discussion the committee agreed to take up this matter as the first work for the club and the first division of all the roads leading out of Columbia will have attention immediately. J. R. Hindman, L. B. Hurt, W. B. Cave, W. T. McFarland, W. F. Jeffries, and C. S. Harris were appointed a committee on roads. T. R. Stults, W. A. Coffey and Braxton Massie were appointed a committee to inspect the Columbia and Campbellsville pike to the Taylor county line and report at our next meeting Monday night January 14th.

The club will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights in each month in J. R. Hindman's office—the Committee having rented said room.

J. T. Page proposed to the committee to donate chairs to the club for a limited time which was accepted.

Prof. A. H. Ballard the Secretary, was authorized to have a sign painted and placed over the entrance to the club room.

A. H. BALLARD, Secretary.

Geo. Milam got on the war path at the colored entertainment last Wednesday night. He tried to do the preacher in charge, and several others who were present. Jailer Mitchell, who had gone out as a peace officer, undertook to arrest George, and seeing that he could not catch him fired his pistol in the direction he was running. The last heard of Gerge he was going through the woods, saplings and brush piles not interfering with his progress. The next morning George was arrested and a fine placed against him that will keep him on the rock pile for about one hundred days.

Mr. Garnett Montgomery, who has been deputy circuit clerk for the past three years, under Mr. J. B. Coffey, has tendered his resignation and will enter his father's law-office. He is a young man of ability, and by close application to his books, will make a good lawyer. We sincerely hope he will succeed in the honorable profession. He is succeeded in the clerk's office by Mr. N. M. Tuttle, a former clerk and a good business man.

Notice.

We thank all our friends and customers for their liberal patronage in the past and trust you will not forget our successors Kemp & Young who will continue the business at same old stand. Wishing all good luck, we are Respt., yours,

WILLIS, BROS.

A very enjoyable social was given at the residence of Mrs. Nona Cabell last Friday evening. Several of Miss Pauline's special friends of Cumberland county spent the week in Columbia, and on the above named date they were handsomely entertained by this popular young lady. The music was highly enjoyable and the luncheon delightful.

The Farmers Home Fire Insurance Company, Junction City, Ky., \$200,000 strong. Insures all kinds of property except steam mills, hemp and tobacco. Rates reasonable. Insures against Fire, Lightning and Wind.

Z. M. STAPLES, County Director.

T. A. MURRELL, Agent.

A. N. WELLS, for many years with the Continental, General Manager.

Now, the first of January is here and a new century has begun, so if you want to do a good act in the beginning of the Twentieth Century come pay for your paper or any other account made at this office. The money is needed, our creditors are exacting and therefore we are bound to collect. If you are not convenient to this office mail us a check or some cash and you will be properly credited and your names published in our list of the illustrious few—the paid list.

The prize winners in the Cincinnati Weekly Enquirer contest has been announced in that paper. Dr. Henry Wimer, of West Virginia, won first money, \$3000.00 and V. E. Weaver, of Ohio, receives second money, \$1500.00. There were four winners in this county, J. W. Thompson, of Milltown, S. C. Neat, Purdy, G. V. McWhorter, Casey Creek, and Mrs. Bettie Burbridge, of Glenfork, all in the \$5.00 list. Dr. Thomas C. Grider, of Creelsboro, also hit it lucky for a "V." The population of the United States is 75,005,727 and the nearest guess missed it 233.

Misses Alice and Ella Walker entertained their young friends last Friday night. Nearly all the "little folks" in town were present, and it was the gayest set of youngsters ever gotten together. Refreshments were served, consisting of ices, cakes, etc. The music was delightful, and to see the little girls and boys enjoying their games was exceedingly pleasant for the older persons who quietly looked on. There were other little gatherings throughout the week, all being largely attended.

Paid list: W. G. Coomer, Simon Murrell, J. M. Traylor, Thomas Epperson, Trabue Wickliffe, N. G. Traylor, A. R. Feese, S. W. Dohoney, W. B. Hurt, J. W. Blair, S. S. Workman, J. P. Willis, H. A. Self, J. E. Allen, C. E. Blakeman, W. T. Moss, Chas. D. Allen, D. W. White, J. F. Cabell, Rev. T. F. Walton, G. A. Young, Olie Taylor, J. G. Blackford, A. H. Leftwich, C. A. Bell, J. P. Beard, C. M. Murrell, A. R. Foley.

The suit to set up the will of Mr. Bryan Nelson, brought in the Russell county court, was decided in favor of the plaintiff last week. The suit was brought by a Miss McWilliams, who claimed to be the sweetheart of the deceased, and who produced a letter in court which she and her brother swore was written and signed by Nelson, giving her \$2,000. Several witnesses swore the instrument was in the handwriting of the deceased, others that it looked very much like his writing, while others swore the paper, in their judgment, was a forgery. The case was tried before Judge W. T. Sharp, who after deliberating from Friday until Wednesday decided in favor of the woman, it said that an appeal will be taken, and that the final decision will be in the Court of Appeals. By the time it goes through all the courts the cost will amount to several hundred dollars.

This month one year ago the News published a story entitled "A Kentucky Romance." Subsequently we published a short article, stating that H. O. Sharp had called at the office and informed us that he was the boy referred to in the story, and that he believed it would be the means of him finding his mother. Last week he again put in his appearance and informed us that he had evidently found her, and that she resided in Mercer county. Several months after the publication of the stories he received a letter from a woman and also her photograph, who stated that she was his mother; that she was married and was the mother of several children, and resided on a farm near Harrodsburg. She stated that she owned the farm upon which she lived, and that she would remember him when the time came to make disposition of her property. She did not give him her name, evidently fearful of the result, but described where she lived and directed him how to meet her. She suggested that he come to Mercer county with cattle; that he could then call at her home, make himself known to her, learn who his father is, and many other interesting features in the lives of his parents. Mr. Martin Redman was with young Sharp on his last visit to this office, and the two will go to Mercer county some time during the coming summer.

MASONIC ELECTIONS.

Columbia Lodge, No. 96, F. & A. M., elected the following officers for the ensuing year last Thursday night.

G. A. Kemp—Worshipful Master.

Gordon Montgomery—Senior Warden.

Sam Lewis—Junior Warden.

R. F. Paull—Treasurer.

T. A. Coffey—Secretary.

Allen Pile—Junior Deacon.

J. W. Atkins—Tiler.

L. B. Hurt and A. G. Todd were appointed Stewards.

Breeding Lodge.

Breeding Lodge, No. 516 elected the following officers:

C. C. Roe—Worshipful Master.

X. W. Scott—Senior Warden.

J. H. Wilson—Junior Warden.

G. C. Coomer—Treasurer.

Arthur Morrison—Secretary.

Austin Hurt—Senior Deacon.

Wm. Parson—Junior Deacon.

G. W. Curry—Tiler.

Nests-ville.

J. M. Perryman—Worshipful Master.

J. M. Campbell—Senior Warden.

J. B. Jones—Junior Warden.

B. F. Tupman—Treasurer.

Ike Harmon—Secretary.

W. W. Campbell—Senior Deacon.

C. E. Pelley—Junior Deacon.

W. H. Sinclair—Steward and Tiler.

Gradyville.

P. C. McCaffrey—Worshipful Master.

X. W. Scott—Senior Warden.

Rev. J. W. Roach—Junior Warden.

G. T. Flowers—Senior Deacon.

W. L. Sharp—Junior Deacon.

P. Nelson—Secretary.

H. C. Walker—Treasurer.

A. T. Sherrill—Tiler.

Watch Meeting.

The Watch Meeting at the Methodist church to see the old year and Century go out, and the new come in and was well attended. The crowd was large and the behavior splendid.

Devotional exercises were conducted by F. R. Winfrey. The music was well selected and rendered by Mrs. Kizzie Murrell and assistants.

The speeches by Bros. Triplett, Hindman, Price, Wood and others were to the point and were all well received.

The Recitation and Solo by Miss Gertrude Grady was just splendid. Misses Nannie Kate Flowers and Katie Murrell, did well for the little folks.

At 12 o'clock the audience arose and sang Hymn No. 126, and then all joined in the Lord's Prayer and the congregation dismissed.

The night and services will be long remembered by those present. May the meeting be the means of doing great good to all present. May we all resolve to live closer to our God and work more faithful in His Vineyard than we have ever done before, is the prayer of your unworthy servant.

One who was present.

Family Christmas Tree.

In grateful acknowledgement of past blessings and favors bestowed by the giver of every good and precious gift. There was given at the residence of Mr. R. W. Shirley, near Milltown, a family Christmas tree, which was magnificently decorated with beautiful presents; and after friends and relatives who had gathered to participate in the Christmas eve festivities, were pleasantly seated, Mrs. R. W. Shirley delivered an excellent speech to the children in her usual positive though sympathetic way upon the propriety of the occasion. After prayer by Rev. W. T. Salmon, Old Santa Clause came tumbling down the chimney, and of course you know, it made the children's eyes sparkle and glow, to see him standing in the floor. Every one present seemed to be overjoyed with the occasion; but while we are showing our love, gratitude and appreciation for our friends and loved ones, let us not lose the real meaning of the day and give only to those within our own small circle. God sent his only son into this world to teach us how to live; and Christ gave his life a ransom for our sins. In remembrance of this, we should always make a generous Christmas offering to the poor and needy of the land. For we will find it more blessed to give to these than to receive.

Oh! the bitter pain and sorrow, That a time could ever be, When we proudly say to others, All for self and none for thee.

W. T. SALKOX.

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